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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND
PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR

1. MEETING AT 6:00 PM NOVEMBER 12, 1974, BEFORE THE CLOSING
SESSION OF THE XV MFM OF OAS, SECRETARY INGERSOLL EXPRESSED
PLEASURE AT HAVING MET AND WORKED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH
SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE, WHICH REFLECTED WHAT HE
HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE SAID, EXCEPT FOR THE ONE WORD "ABSTENTION".
HE SAID THAT PRESS REPORTS THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN A FAILURE
WERE NONSENSE. THE US ATTITUDE OF BEING ALOOF HAD BEEN GOOD.
SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE NOT USED TO THE
FREEDOM OF ACTION THEY HAD ENJOYED AT THE MEETING, AND
THEREFORE HAD NOT KNOWN WHAT TO DO WITH IT. THIS HAD ALSO
BEEN, PERHAPS, A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR THE UNITED STATES, BUT
IN THE LONG RUN THIS DEPARTURE FROM PATERNALISM WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT
THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE OAS MOVE FORWARD ON A SOLID
BASIS BEFORE THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING. IT WAS IMPORTANT
FOR THE US DELEGATION TO THE OAS TO DISPLAY A MORE
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